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Title: ADAPTIVELY ENCODING A PICTURE OF CONTRASTED  
COMPLEXITY HAVING NORMAL VIDEO AND NOISY VIDEO  
PORTIONS

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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: